

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A magnetic recording and reproduction apparatus  
includes a cylinder; a first chassis section; a second chassis  
section; and at least first, second and third tape guide  
members. The second chassis section is movable between a  
first position and a second position. When the second chassis  
section is in the first position, a supply reel, the first  
tape guide member, the second tape guide member, the third  
10 tape guide member and the cylinder are arranged in this order,  
such that only the first, second and third tape guide members  
guide the magnetic tape between the supply reel and the  
cylinder. When the second chassis section is in the first  
position, the first tape guide member is in contact with  
15 a magnetic surface of the magnetic tape, and the second and  
third tape guide members are in contact with the non-magnetic  
surface of the magnetic tape.